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***Tallahassee Democrat* Editorial: Bailing out**

Economy needs tough medicine now

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The biggest deficit we have in Congress right now is leadership," North Florida Congressman Allen Boyd

That plan was nevertheless rejected by the House after what Mr. Boyd called "10 or 11 days of governm

President Bush's \$700 billion blank-check bailout proposal had been flatly rejected earlier, but in a vacu

"I voted for that legislation, but it's not something I did with a smile on my face," Mr. Boyd told the Tallah

Perhaps the most disappointing act of Monday wasn't the 228-205 defeat of a financial rescue effort, but

It is almost as if elected officials, beginning with a surprising but withering assault on the GOP by Speak

Coupled with presidential politics and an election season for members of Congress, the "no" votes signa

And clearly the public hates the concept of "bailing out," period. A great deal more work lies ahead before

"Since the World War II generation, we've lost our understanding of tough medicine," Mr. Boyd said. Still

Meanwhile, it is incumbent upon taxpayers to not have a knee-jerk reaction to congressional efforts or to